

ABSTRACT

A medical monitoring system generates notification messages indicating that a patient being monitored may have a condition that requires attention. The system then wirelessly transfers the notification messages to a portable electronic device. The portable electronic device may include a processing circuit configured to receive the notification messages. The processing circuit may also be configured to implement an organizer function such as a task list or schedule information, and may be configured to facilitate transfer of wireless data using a wireless transceiver. The portable device may also include an identification device coupled to the processing circuit and configured to input data representative of an identity of a subject of interest from an information source at a distance from the identification device. The identification device may be a barcode scanner or may be an RFID circuit.